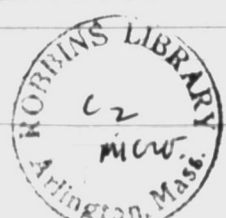


# The Arlington Advocate



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## About Arlington People

**Thomas Marino** of 93 Alpine St. will start at Tufts Dental School of Medicine in July. He is a 1979 graduate of Northeastern University where he received his B.S. in pharmacy with honors. He is employed as a registered pharmacist at Beth Israel Hospital in Brookline.

A piano sonata composed by **James Forte** will be one of the pieces performed by internationally known pianist Marilyn Neher Feb. 10 as part of a Northeastern University concert series. Forte is a composer whose music has received many performances and broadcasts in the United States and abroad.

He has also been active in arts administration as the Music Director of the Robbins Library Concert Series and founder of the Arlington Arts Council called Arlington Alive. He has served as Chairman of the Arlington Citizens' Involvement Committee, and he received the Citizen of the Year Award from the Arlington Chamber of Commerce in 1975.

He is also a member of the Historical Commission. He has served on other task forces in the community and has been active professionally in many other groups.

**Jane Tiney** will perform in a play Feb. 9 which will be featured during "Showtime 1980," an entertainment night sponsored by the Junior Guild of Catholic Charities at the St. Gerard Majella Church Hall in Canton.

**James E. Burton**, a Washington University School of Medicine sophomore, has been awarded the Antoinette Francis Dames Prize in Physiology and Biophysics. He received the award for outstanding work in the fields of physiology and biophysics. He is a 1973 graduate of Arlington High School and the University of Rochester in New York. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Burton of 36 Grafton St.

**Mr. and Mrs. George Makredes**, of 41 Churchill Ave., were recently sworn in as notaries public by Secretary of State Michael J. Connolly in ceremonies at the Secretary's State House office. Mr. Makredes is employed by the John Hancock Insurance Company of Boston and Leona Makredes is a real estate broker.

**Artemis Mirak** will be exhibiting her works in oil painting at the Clothes Tree, 1036 Mass Ave., during February.

Three Arlington residents are members of the Concord Chorus which will perform Saturday night at the Concord-Carlisle Regional High School auditorium. They are Paul Eklund, Marlon Eklund and Marcia Dolley. Show is being planned for March 12.

The community treasurer for the 1980 fund-raising drive of the American Heart Association for Arlington is **Ronald D. Keirstead** of Waltham. As treasurer, he will coordinate volunteers who will distribute education material on heart health during February.

Keirstead, who held the treasurer post last year, is customer contact representative at BayBank Harvard Trust Company. He has also been active in the Arlington Kiwanis Club.

**Marilyn Goldberg** was one of the planners of the joint meeting between the Belmont-Watertown Chapter of Hadassah and the Sisterhood of Beth El Temple Center taking place tonight at the Beth El Temple Center in Belmont. The program will feature Leonard Zakim, the New England Regional Civil Rights Director for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Two residents were winners in Stop & Shop supermarket's Olympic Value Sweepstakes. **Barbara Brooks** of 16 Orchard place and **Rose Ford** each won a \$50 Stop & Shop gift certificate. They have also become eligible for the Grand Prize drawing to be held on Feb. 29.

**Helen McNally** and **Alice Stanton** are in charge of the annual Girl Scout cookie sale coming up. Orders will be taken from Jan. 19 to Feb. 3 for seven varieties of cookies, peanuts and peanut candy. Proceeds will benefit scout activities.

**John J. Laurendeau** has been appointed to the newly created position of vice president and general manager of combination stores for the Stop & Shop Companies, Inc. He will be responsible for overseeing the corporation's newest venture which will combine a food and super drug store. Laurendeau has been with Stop & Shop for 33 years, 17 of which were spent with the Stop & Shop Supermarket Co. and 16 years with Bradlees. He joined Stop & Shop in 1946 as a grocery clerk. He is a graduate of Bryant and Stratton Business School and M.I.T.'s Sloan Executive Management Program.

**Dr. Jonathan K. Wise** is one of 298 physicians from all over the country who has been elected Fellow of the American College of Physicians (ACP). Dr. Wise has earned the honor for his contribution to the scholarship of medicine. The ACP is a national professional organization of specialists in internal medicine and related areas.

## 4 Girls Charged With Breaks; Items Recovered

Police recovered \$10,000 in stolen goods last week following the arrests Friday of four Arlington girls.

The girls, aged 15 to 17, were charged with a series of daytime break-ins in Arlington, Watertown and Cambridge. Among the recovered goods were TVs, radios, tape decks, cameras and diamond rings.

Lt. Harry Ryerson told The Advocate the case broke when a 17-year-old girl was arrested on Appleton street Friday afternoon for driving a stolen car. She fit the description of one of a group of girls who had been breaking into East Arlington homes, and some rare coins were found in her possession, Ryerson said.

Investigation by Ryerson and Det. Arthur McLean resulted in the arrests of the three other girls who admitted to break-ins in the three towns' according to Ryerson. He said the stolen property was found stashed in the homes of a half-dozen of the girls' friends.

Ryerson said police are continuing to investigate, in order to bring complaints against a woman for receiving property the girls allegedly stole.

Victims of the break-ins had been contacted by police and claimed property at the station Tuesday morning. Any items not claimed would be auctioned off in July, Ryerson said.



## Recovered

Insp. Dominic Santosuosso and Sgt. Bernard O'Quinn inventory cameras, jewelry, stereo equipment and other stolen goods which were recovered by Arlington police last week. Estimated value of the items is \$10,000.

## Fund Started To Aid Family That Had Fire

In the early hours of 1980 a fire severely damaged the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Doherty on Sunset road.

The fire was caused, the Arlington Fire Division determined, by careless disposal of smoking materials. The family's clothing and furniture were destroyed. Walls, ceilings, doors, and windows were ruined. All together, more than \$30,000 in damage was done.

**Doherty**, an Arlington Public Works employee for 30 years, was in the hospital when the fire broke out and is still there with a serious illness.

The family had no insurance on their home or their belongings - no way to make their home livable again without help from friends, co-workers, and fellow townspeople.

The Doherty Rebuilding Fund Committee is asking residents to help. The chairman of the committee is Ray Ouellette, Director of the Department of Public Works. The committee has the cooperation of the Town Manager and the Elks Lodge of Arlington.

Please send your tax-deductible contributions, large or small, to the Doherty Rebuilding Fund, Arlington 5 Cents Savings Bank (attn: Bill Joyce), 626 Massachusetts Ave.

## On Friday Propane Fire Injures Three, Closes AHS Early

A propane tank fire Friday morning injured three Arlington High School construction workers, one seriously, and sent 2,000 students scurrying without coats from the building.

According to Fire Division director Warren French, worker Vito Cucchiara of Tewksbury apparently was preparing to move the 100-gallon tank when it burst into flames, burning his face and hands. As of Tuesday night, the 48-year-old Cucchiara was in fair condition at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Joseph Ruggiero received minor head burns and Eugene Simi suffered from smoke inhalation when they came to Cucchiara's assistance. They were treated at Symmes Hospital and were back on the job Friday afternoon.

No students were injured and the high school's "B" Building suffered no structural damage as a result of the fire, which began about 10:40 and was extinguished by 11:46.

French said the combined efforts of school and fire officials kept the evacuation of students orderly but that construction equipment had obstructed one exit of the freshmen building. The equipment was to have been moved by today, said French.

He said the fire, which is under investigation, may have been caused by a loose connection on the tank's hose.

Students, who were dismissed when the fire began Friday, were back in school Monday morning after construction workers spent the weekend repairing "B" Building's fire alarm system, which sounded during the fire but was then disabled by it.

Permanent Town Building Committee liaison Charles Fagone told The Advocate the school renovation program had not been affected. He said damage to a wall, cabinets and wiring near the old first floor cafeteria, in an area which will be the new art and home economics rooms, had been replaced.

Fire Division director French said construction workers had complied with all safety measures the division had requested the week before the fire. Among those measures were the removal from the construction area of all spare propane tanks and the securing with chains of all tanks to keep the tanks from being knocked over.

French said rumors that there had been an explosion were untrue.

## Wording Changes

## Don't Go: Still No Right On Red

Police Services director John Carroll says that despite an easing of state regulations, he expects no significant reduction of the town's recently-raised "No Right On Red" signs.

Carroll told The Advocate this week that police will continually evaluate intersections but said he didn't foresee "any major reversals" of policy regarding the town's reluctance to permit right turns at red lights.

Any police recommendations for changes would be submitted to the Board of Selectmen, Carroll said.

In anticipation of the state law permitting rights on red except where posted, which took effect Jan. 1, police began posting signs at virtually every intersection, to comply with state regulations back in December.

The regulations told where right turns on red "should be" prohibited, including intersections where there were school crossings, pedestrian lights and where turns would conflict with arrow indications.

The regulations changed as of Jan. 11, however, to read that turns "may be" prohibited, thus giving towns and cities more latitude to decide where to post the signs.

According to William C. Pizzano, public information director of the state Department of Public Works, the Federal Highway Administration, which paid \$360,000 for the state's "No Right On Red" signs, was concerned the signs were being used to circumvent the law's intent, which was to save fuel by reducing cars' idling time.

Pizzano told The Advocate the regulations had been revised to reflect a recent rewording of the federal guidelines.

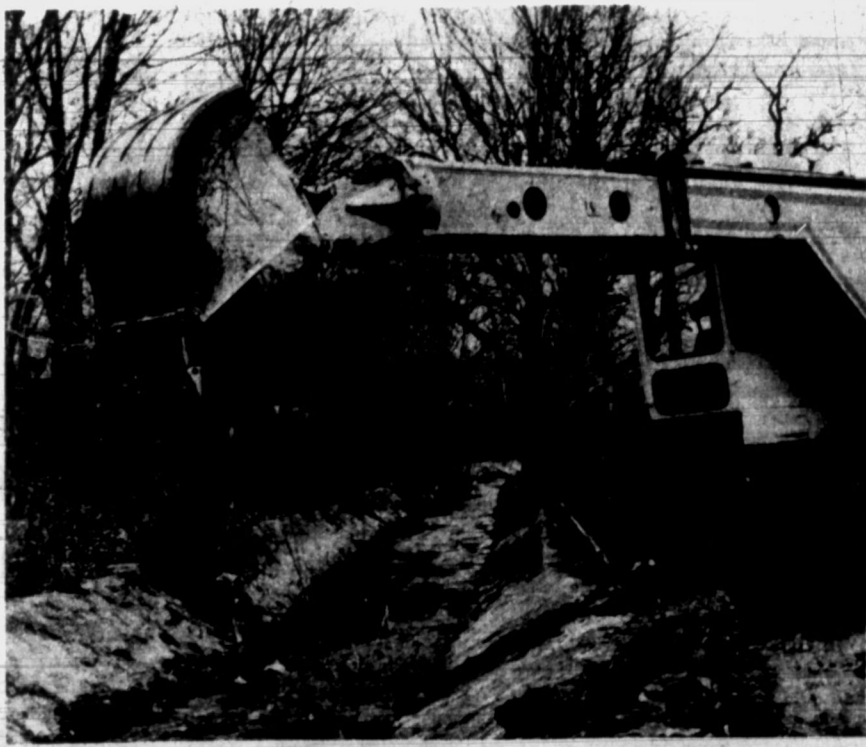
The revised state regulations say rights on red may be prohibited whenever an engineering study finds any of the following conditions:

- Inadequate visibility;
- Geometric or other characteristics which may result in unexpected conflicts;
- An exclusive pedestrian light phase;
- Significant pedestrian conflicts resulting from right on red maneuvers;
- More than three right on red accidents per year for an approach;
- Significant amounts of crossing by children, elderly or handicapped people.

In a letter to the Board of Selectmen,

state DPW commissioner Dean P. Amidon wrote that the revised rules "should not be construed in any way as relaxing consideration of public safety," but as a way to permit re-evaluation of

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## Brook

## \$500 Mini Bonds To Go On Sale Jan. 31; Will Be Tax Exempt

Arlington residents will have a chance to earn \$68,310 in tax exempt interest during the next five years from town mini bonds which go on sale Jan. 31.

Some 690 bonds a year in \$500 denominations for one to five years will be put on sale by the Town Treasurer's office. They represent \$345,000 of the high school bond issue which Treasurer John Bilafer held out when the \$16 million bond issue was recently bid.

The interest rate which will be paid on the mini bonds will be 6.60, just a shade under the 6.64 which was bid on the big bonds. The difference will cover the cost of issuing the mini bonds.

Because the interest on the mini bonds will not be subjected to state or federal income tax, residents will in fact earn more than the 6.60 rate. For example, a family filing a joint federal return with income between \$11,900-\$16,000 will earn 8.35 percent. At \$20,200-\$24,600 the earnings will amount to 9.71 percent. By \$60,000-\$85,600 the rate is 14.35 percent. In addition, no state income tax will be paid.

In order to ensure that as many residents as possible will have a chance to "own a piece of the rock," so to speak, the high school, Bilafer has set some groundrules for the bond purchase:

- The sale will start at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 31 and continue until 5 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. If all of the bonds are not sold Thursday, the sale will continue the next day at the same hours. If necessary, the office will be open from 8:30 to noon on Saturday. Call Friday to make sure.
- No mail subscriptions will be accepted. All purchasers must appear in person and must sign a subscription form.
- No personal checks will be accepted.

Payment must be made by cash or certified or bank check. Bilafer suggests that the checks be made out to the individual who can endorse them over to the town.

- On Thursday and Friday purchasers will be limited to a maximum purchase of \$10,000 in mini bonds. If bonds remain available on Saturday purchasers may return that day and exceed the \$10,000 limit. This ceiling is set in order to give more people an opportunity to purchase bonds.
- There will be 138 bonds available for each of the five years. When the bonds for a particular year are sold, no more will be available.
- All bonds will mature on Feb. 15, starting in 1981 through 1985.
- The printed bonds will be available at the Town Treasurer's office at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 15. Purchasers must bring the receipt portion of their subscription forms and identification in order to receive the bonds.
- Bonds which are not collected during the day Feb. 15 will be available during regular business hours at the Treasurer's office until March 14. After that date subscribers will have to give the office 48 hours' notice of pickup.
- Subscribers will have until 5 p.m. Feb. 5, Tuesday, to cancel their orders by giving written notice to the Treasurer's office.

Bilafer estimates that townspeople will have an opportunity to earn \$68,310 in interest during the five years. The first year the interest will be paid on a total principal of \$345,000, earning \$22,770. Each year the principal is reduced by \$69,000 so that interest yield the fifth year will be \$4,554.

## Water Street Signing Due By Feb. 4 On Lease Of Restaurant

A lease will be signed between the Arlington Selectmen and the First Arlington Corp. by Feb. 4 if it is going to be signed at all.

Selectmen chairman Robert Havern gave this assessment after Monday's executive session meeting between the board and developers who propose to locate a restaurant in the former Water street power station which the town owns.

Havern said the parties came to agreement on a lease on Monday.

One provision would let the town step in if the restaurant defaulted in its payments to creditors within 18 months. The specific dollar amount of rent is not set in the lease. The rent, which will be tied to gross earnings, will produce at least the amount of money which the property would pay in taxes if it were privately owned, says Havern.

The lease, which was negotiated for 20 years, contains a provision that construction will start within 30 days after the Zoning Board of Appeals rules on questions brought to it. Last July First Arlington attorney Paul Hedstrom said construction would take four to six months, with a minimum of six weeks needed to advertise and conduct necessary hearings by public bodies.

The developer would need a liquor license from Selectmen, Board of Appeals special permit to allow municipal parking to count as restaurant parking, environmental design review by

the Redevelopment Board, and perhaps other variances or permits as determined by the Building Inspector.

Havern says that he expects the developer will immediately file for financing from the Massachusetts Industrial Finance Agency (MIFA). MIFA is a state agency which can float tax exempt bonds and assure approved lenders of low-interest loans.

In order to make businessmen in Arlington eligible for such financing, the Arlington Selectmen began a program of creating CARD (Commercial Area Redevelopment District) Districts. The first was in Arlington Center and included the part of Water street which the power station is in.

MIFA subsequently approved the restaurant for loans of \$717,000. At that time in July, attorney Hedstrom said that First Arlington Corporation, whose principals were Arthur Gutierrez and John Cataldo, would lease the building from the town. It would be sub-let to the Second Arlington Corporation, the restaurant developers, headed by John DeVincent, Joseph Pagliaro and George Kennedy. DeVincent is controlling shareholder of Second Arlington.

## Pedestrian Is Killed By Car On Mass. Ave.

A former Somerville alderman was killed when struck by a car on Mass. Ave. Thursday night.

Forty-nine-year-old John C. Bennett was crossing in front of 835 Mass. Ave. about 8:45 when the west-bound Volkswagen bug of Susan J. Morash of Colonial Village drive hit him, carrying him 120 feet before stopping.

Bennett was pronounced dead at 9:50 in Symmes Hospital.

Police say the 22-year-old Morash was traveling about 30 miles per hour and didn't see Bennett until her car struck him.

She was charged with motor vehicular homicide, operating with defective equipment - the floor of her car was rusted, tilting the driver's seat back - and operating to endanger.

According to police, an examination of Bennett's body was done, and a hearing for Morash would be set up. Bennett had been living in Arlington with his sister.

He served two terms on the Somerville Board of Aldermen. He was an Army veteran of the Korean conflict. Born in Somerville, he was a lifelong resident of that city. He attended Malden Catholic High School and Lawrence Academy before entering Tufts University.

The mild winter has given the town Department of Public Works time to clear debris from Mill Brook, a job the DPW has been wanting to do for five years. DPW director Ray Ouellette says the brook has been so clogged up that rain has caused flooding in nearby apartments.



## ★ Red

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intersections where prohibitions may have been installed hastily under pressure of the Jan. 1 starting date.

Pizzano said the revisions give municipalities the option of permitting rights on red at school crossings during non-school hours, for example, or where there are pedestrian signals but a low volume of pedestrian traffic.

According to a two-week-old study, said Pizzano, rights on red are permitted at about 30 percent of the state's signalled intersections. The figure in Boston is four percent, he said.

Compared to other states Massachusetts has a low percentage of intersections where the turns are permitted because, said Pizzano, Bay State streets aren't of as modern design as those in other states. He said streets in the midwest are more geometrically laid out, for example, with better visibility than intersections in Massachusetts.

He said Massachusetts also has relatively many pedestrians.



## Accident

Police protect the scene of a fatal accident involving the Volkswagen on Mass. avenue last Thursday night while waiting for local and Registry officers to photograph the area. The accident happened in the area between First National and Arlington Buick. (Advocate Staff Photo)

## Food Co-op Plans Record, Book Sale

A used book and record sale will be held at the Arlington Food Co-op on Friday from 12 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visitors to the co-op under the Regent Theater on Medford street may also shop for food once at members' low prices.

## Community Calendar Follies Trip

### Is Scheduled For Families

Jan. 21 Girl Scout leaders committee, Scout House, Prescott street, 7:30 p.m.  
Leadership talk with former Dale Carnegie Institute instructor, sponsored by Arlington Jaycees, Fox Library, 8 p.m.

Jan. 25 Used book and record sale, Arlington Food Co-op, 7A Medford st., 12 to 8 p.m. (Also 11-5 Saturday.)  
IRS Taxmobile to assist taxpayers, Town Hall, 9 to 4.  
Thompson School PTO buffet dance at St. Agnes School hall, by ticket.

Jan. 26 Adult dance for Fidelity House at St. Agnes School, 8-12.

Jan. 28 Cutter School Reuse discussion with the Redevelopment Board at the school, 8 p.m.

Jan. 29 Extended Family Program parent training, St. Anne's School, 18 Claremont ave., 7:30 p.m.

Senior Film Festival, Fox Library, 10 a.m., 1 p.m. Different films. Bag lunches welcome.

Blue Shield information for senior citizens, Symmes Hospital residence building, 1-3.

Jan. 30 Tupperware Party sponsored by Cub Pack 383, Fox Library, 8 p.m.

Calendar items are due by 4 p.m. Monday.

## Six Incumbents Take Papers Out

Six candidates, all incumbents, have taken out papers seeking re-election at the April 8 election.

The most recent candidate to take out papers was Linda A. Braun, 11 Parker rd., seeking re-election to a three-year term on the School Committee.

Others who had previously taken out papers were Robert K. Garrity, 275 Park ave., five-year term on the Housing Authority; Daniel A. Purcell, 90 Stowcroft rd., Board of Assessors; William A. Carey Jr., 155 Lake st., School Committee; Harry P. McCabe, 92 Madison ave., Town Moderator and Robert A. Havern, 35 Bartlett ave., Board of Selectmen. The last four listed are seeking three-year terms.

## Council On Aging

Census Year 1980 is "census year" and Arlingtonians will be counted twice, once in January and February for the combined town and school census, and again at the beginning of April when the national census will be taken.

Assistant registrars operating out of the Town Clerk's Office will be visiting every household in Arlington. They will telephone to make appointments to visit people who are not at home when they first call. Residents who cannot be reached directly will receive census forms in the mail. All Arlington residents except the following will be contacted by census workers:

1. Residents of public housing: The Housing Authority will provide the information.

2. Residents of apartment houses with eight or more people: The owner of the apartment is responsible for collecting the information.

The census is more than just an academic exercise. It is of vital importance in that census figures are used to help determine the amounts on various federal grants.

The Community Development Block Grant Program, which funds a number of vital services for Arlington elders including the Dial-A-Ride Taxi, the Housing Improvement Program, the Adult Day Health Center, only goes to municipalities with populations of 50,000 or more. Since Arlington's population is very close to that figure, an accurate count in the Census is essential if we are to continue to receive these funds.

**Nutrition Program.** The nutrition program for the elderly, sponsored by the Minuteman Home Care Corporation, offers hot, nutritious meals to elders age 60 and over at two sites in Arlington: Winslow Towers (4 Winslow st., Mrs. Marjorie Scott, Site Manager (646-9511) and the Arlington Heights Baptist Church (corner of Westminster avenue and Park avenue extension, Mrs. Marie Hill, Site Manager (648-7500). Meals are served every weekday from noon to 1 p.m.

Transportation to and from the meal sites is available through the Dial-A-Ride Taxi (DART) and Handi-Dart Van programs. Persons who want to receive a meal must call the Manager of the site that they plan to visit by 11 a.m. of the day before the meal.

The menu for the week of Jan. 28 - Feb. 1 is as follows:

Monday - baked chicken.  
Tuesday - shells, meat sauce.

Wednesday - batter dipped fish.

Thursday - pot roast.

Friday - turkey a la king.

**Health Counseling.**

Thursday, Drake Village, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Jarvis House, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

**Legal Aide**

Thursday, Jarvis House, 10 - noon.

**Widowed Group**

The monthly support group for widows and widowers will be held Wednesday at the Pleasant Street Congregational Church, 1:30 p.m.

**TV Special**

"Protecting the Rights of Elderly Clients," a public television presentation, will be shown on Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon, on WGBH, Channel 2.

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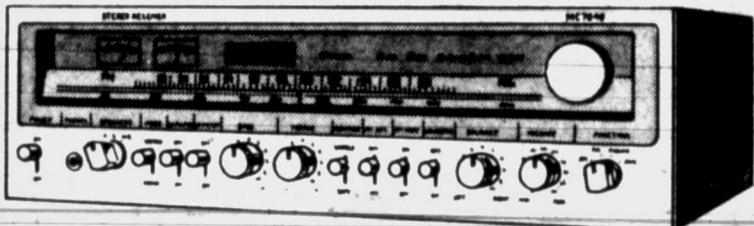
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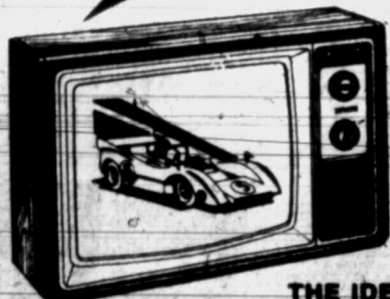
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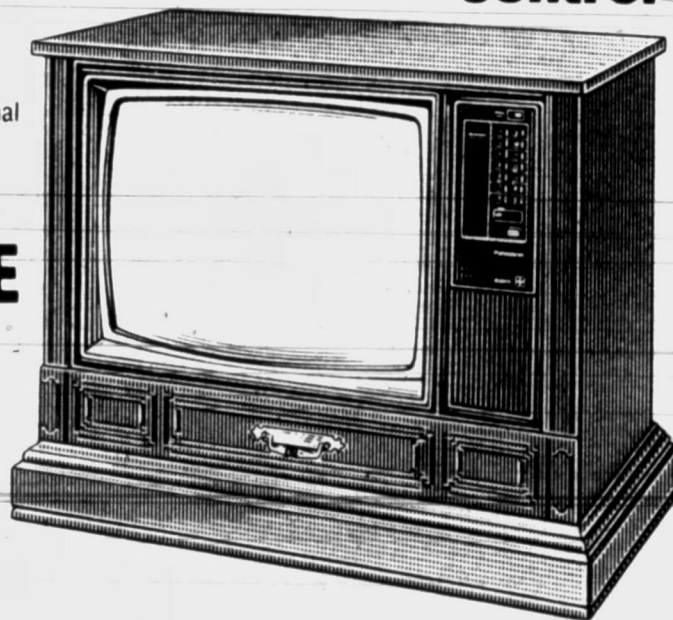
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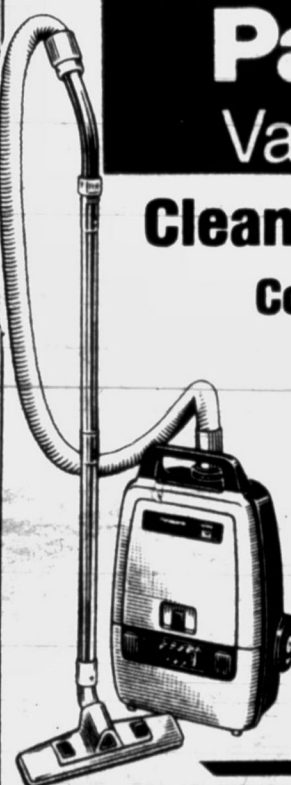
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## Part Three

## Water Supply: The Northfield Division

By The League  
Of Women Voters  
Of Massachusetts

In presenting this information about the Northfield diversion, the League is aware that there are many other viewpoints and other issues, such as cost, to be considered. All the data are not in. But citizen discussion of water policy issues is urgently needed.

The 34 Boston area communities served by the Metropolitan District Commission's Quabbin Reservoir are fortunate to have extremely pure drinking water.

However, an increasing demand due



Rachael Worby

## Family Concert Will Feature A 'Sorcerer'

Children and families are invited to attend the annual Family Concert presented by Philharmonic Society of Arlington on Feb. 2 and 3. The concert on Feb. 2 is at Belmont Town Hall at 3 p.m. and on Feb. 3 at St. Agnes School Hall, at 3 p.m.

Trish Herold will mime the role of the apprentice in Dukas' 'Sorcerer's Apprentice'. As a dancer Ms. Herold has performed with Kansas City Ballet, Dance Theatre, and Young Audiences, Inc. Her interpretation stresses visual movement coordinated with music sensation.

Conductor of the family concert is Rachael Worby, a member of the faculty at New England Conservatory of Music and at Massachusetts Institute of Technology where she teaches music history. She is conductor of NEC Youth Chamber Orchestra, Little Orchestra of Cambridge, and Guild of Composers Chamber Ensemble in New York City. Ms. Worby is a doctoral candidate at Brandeis University.

to the rapidly growing southern New England population and a spiraling rate of water consumption has caused the MDC to be concerned it will periodically exceed the safe yield of Quabbin by as much as 20 million gallons a day.

The only certainty is that the quality of all drinking water is going to be directly affected by the water policy decisions which will be made in the months to come.

One solution which the MDC has proposed is the controversial Northfield diversion. An aqueduct 9.8 miles long would be built to divert water from the Connecticut River in the Northfield-Erving area into the Northeast Utilities Company reservoir atop Northfield Mountain and then into Quabbin Reservoir.

This would be accomplished by drawing off water from the Connecticut River when the flow exceeded 17,000 cubic feet per second at the gauging station in Montague. Some within the MDC view this as mere "spring flood skimming." (Less than one percent of the river's annual flow would be diverted, according to the Army Corps of Engineers.)

Yet others, including many environmental groups, view the diversion with concern. To understand the controversy surrounding the Northfield diversion, some knowledge about Quabbin Reservoir and the Connecticut River is helpful.

Quabbin is one of the largest bodies of untreated drinking water in the country and has a capacity of 412 billion gallons. Located 75 miles west of Boston, it is a true wilderness area, serving as a wildlife refuge as well as the source of Boston's water supply.

The MDC, a state agency, supplies water to 34 metropolitan Boston and 10 central Massachusetts communities. Some western Massachusetts towns (Amherst, Belchertown, Chicopee) experiencing a water crisis due to inadequate supply or contamination, are resentful that Quabbin's water, in their own "back yard," travels to Boston.

Communities traditionally have solved the problem of inadequate or contaminated water supply by locating new sources of supply rather than decreasing demand.

In the 19th century, when the Charles River became unfit to drink, the Cochituate Dam in Natick and the Sudbury Aqueduct were sought as reservoirs. When demand exceeded this supply, the Nashua River was dammed and the Wachusett Reservoir was created.

In 1938, the Swift River in Enfield was dammed and Quabbin Reservoir was born. With demand again exceeding supply, the Connecticut River is being considered as a source of water supply.

The Connecticut River, largest of New England rivers, flows 410 miles from the Canadian border to Long Island Sound. Fall trees, a panorama of autumn color, beautiful wild flowers, and the call of the loon have inspired people recently to recognize its potential for recreation and enjoyment.

Gradually, with the construction of sewage treatment plants and a decrease in the discharge of industrial effluents, water quality in the Connecticut River is reaching the goal of grade B (suitable for boating and recreation, not drinking or swimming).

Certainly one controversial aspect of the diversion is putting questionable grade B water into Quabbin's pristine grade A water. The Army Corps of Engineers has advised that the diversion would cause contamination of Quabbin's water with coliform bacteria, thereby creating a need for added chlorination to make it safe for drinking.

What would the impact of the diversion be on the Connecticut River? The amount of water collecting in the flood plains would be less.

Excessive pollution in sections of the river quickly dissipates in high water

times and accumulates in low water times.

In addition, a great deal of time and money have been spent on restocking the river with shad and salmon. The diversion would adversely affect the trails these fish use to find their way from the ocean to their fresh water spawning grounds.

A river is a complex ecosystem with delicate balances to be maintained. The effect of lowering the water levels on wildlife habitats, wetland plants, soil hydrology and flood control may at this time present more questions than answers.

Are there other options besides diversions? Information gathered from the special Legislative Commission on Water Supply affirms there are. These alternatives will be the topic of the League's next column.

EDITOR'S NOTE: MDC Commissioner Guy A. Carbone has approved the scope of services and costs for the contract with the consulting firm of Wallace, Floyd, Ellensweig & Moore Inc. to prepare Phase I of the Northfield Water Supply Project Environmental Impact Report.

Alternatives include flood skimming of the Connecticut River, using the Merrimac River, Connecticut River tributaries, ground water and surface water in present and future user communities, desalinization and watershed management.

### THANKSGIVING TO ST. JUDE

Oh Holy St. Jude,  
Apostle and Martyr, great  
in virtue and rich in mir-  
acles, near kinsman of  
Jesus Christ, faithful  
intercessor of all who in-  
voke your special patron-  
age in time of need, to  
you I have recourse—  
from the depth of my  
heart and humbly beg to  
whom God has given  
such great power to  
come to my assistance.  
Help me in my present  
and urgent petition. In  
return, I promise to make  
your name known and  
cause you to be invoked.

Say three Our Father's,  
three Hail Mary's and  
Glorias.

Publication must be  
promised. St. Jude pray  
for us and all who invoke  
your aid. Amen. This  
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## St. Agnes School To Observe Week With Open House

The faculty and students at St. Agnes Elementary School will observe National Catholic Education Week, Feb. 3 to 9. The theme for this year is "The Catholic School: One of the Family."

Parents and friends of the children will be invited to special programs which have been planned on the different grade levels. One of the highlights will be the musical performance of "Pinocchio." The students will view this on Friday during the Day and parents and friends are invited Friday evening.

The Open House program will be as follows:  
Kindergarten Grade 8, Feb. 5  
Kindergarten, Second session, 1:15 - 2:20 p.m.

### NOW Meeting

Lexington Area NOW will present a program, "The Politics of Abortion: How You Can Make the Difference." Monday, at 8:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church, 2600 Mass. Ave., Lexington.

There will be a short business meeting at 8 p.m.

## Energy, Heating Will Be Topic Of Tuesday Talk

The Northeast Regional Extension Service will conduct a free lecture about home heating and energy conservation at the Town Hall auditorium on Tuesday from 8 to 11 p.m.

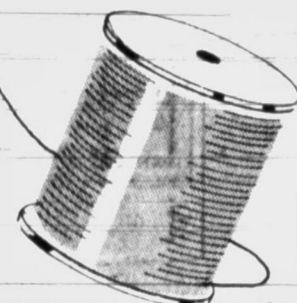
Topics covered by the lecture include: the economics of energy conservation investments, home improvements; no-cost and low-cost conservation measures; home heating losses and humidity and alternative sources of home heating. The lecture also includes a slide presentation about woodstove installation and safety. Fact sheets on topics covered by the lecture will be provided to those who attend.

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# Comment

A Page of Personal Opinion for Public Reflection.

Arlington, Mass., Thursday, January 24, 1980

## Collins' Corner by Leonard Collins



### Cleaning The Attic

The writer takes a trip up to the attic seeking a photo and as always tidies up the place and as many times before finds some very interesting news items, plus an old TV set and dozens of records of famous singers and actors.

Some records of Caruso and John McCormack, and here are a few that many will remember: Morton Downey in "How I Miss You Dear Old Pal," "Sail Along," "Silvery Moon," and Bing Crosby, "Sleepy Time Gal," and "Good Night, Irene," "By The Beautiful Sea," "America The Beautiful," "The Poet," and "Good Night Irene," "The Peasant, Part 1 and 2" and of course "The Blue Danube."

Then on another side is "My Wild Irish Rose" and "I'll take you Home Again, Kathleen." And then a touching Yuletide tear jerker called "The Beer Barrel Polka." This writer has always wondered over the years why they were always taking Kathleen home. Maybe she was one of those people you cannot take any place.

And over there is an Advocate dated 1914. A group of anti-Arlington High School citizens had a piece about building the high school where it is at present. That's 66 years ago, and today we see much renovation and work taking place.

We read very often about filibusters in Congress, when members talk for years, trying to kill a bill, and at that time in Arlington some of those in opposition almost made those in Washington seem speechless. Over the years we have always had some groups banded together to "kill" almost any project in which they did not have a part in the action. Here are a few of the opposition:

"Sound of cars on Mass. ave. would not be unnoticeable, and students and teachers would be disturbed." "The stench of the gas tanks, if the wind is right, would be obnoxious." "The trains and freight trains over near Summer street would distract the students from their studies." "Furthermore we do not need an athletic field. Better we build small bridges over the running brook in the rear where one could cool fevered brows." "No swimming pool or showers necessary because with only one session there would be no time for such indulgence." "And in regard to increasing the value of the land in that part of town it is silly because land hardly ever increases in close proximity to a school."

And believe it or not, several doctors signed the above statement, stating that a school built on a dump and near the gas tanks would be very unhealthy. So today 66 years later we have a fine hospital up on the hill, and across Mass. ave. some very fine and expensive homes and the closest house to the school has turned down a \$50,000 bid.

So if some folks and planners are wondering about certain noticeable drawbacks just digest this sample of some of the thinking of some of our forward looking citizens back in the year 1914. But remember this was before the ladies were given the right to vote. Those senators and representatives in our State House were then minor leaguers compared to some here in 1914.

## Ask The Ombudsman

A forum to discuss questions of citizen interest received by town officials or the Community Ombudsman. Refer your questions to Don Cohen, Ombudsman, at 646-1775.

Q. What is the best way to find out if school is closed because of snow?

A. School closings are announced on several area radio stations. WEEI, WHDH, and WBZ all report closing at frequent intervals, beginning at about 6:30 a.m.

Closings are also signalled by Arlington fire stations. A 2-2 signal (two blasts followed by two more after a short interval) repeated four times means no school. The signal is sounded at 7 a.m. to indicate no school for senior and junior highs and at 7:45 a.m. for elementary school.

Please do not call the police to ask about school closings. They will not give out the information. In the past, calls from parents on snow days have tied up police emergency lines, making it impossible for people with genuine emergency needs to get through.

Q. I've just bought a building that was a residence and now houses my business. Do I need permission from the Town before I put up a sign?

A. Yes, you must have a permit from the town building inspector before you install a sign. The size and type of permissible signs is different in different areas. For more information, you can call the building inspector at 643-6700, ext. 272.

You might also want to get in touch with the Town's planning department (ext. 275). The planners will be happy to give you advice on designing a sign that is attractive, effective, and meets specification requirements.

## Guest Column

By Ray Ouellette

Ray Ouellette is Arlington's Director of Public Works.

Arlington is a wonderful town made up of wonderful people. We started out 200 years ago banding together to establish and maintain our independence. "Where it all began" was simply an extension of their way of life. No one was aloof from his neighbor's problems. Over the years, our town has changed, but our people have not.

Today, a fellow Arlingtonian has a problem, and I know we will band together again to help him as our forefathers did before us. Bill Doherty, fellow Arlingtonian, father of seven children, has real problems. To me, he's the guy on the next farm, and we must help him.

Bill's first problem is "he's going blind." Bill's been in the hospital since November. He's going to undergo surgery for a disc problem in his back; that is, as soon as his heart gets strong enough because he also has a bad heart.

I haven't even started yet. This New Year's, while you and I were counting our blessings and making our plans for the dawn of a new year and a new decade, fate really dealt the Dohertys a blow. Their house burned down!

But, please, don't feel sorry for them yet. "There's more to come." The Dohertys had absolutely no insurance on their home. Reason? They have no money in the bank, and they could not afford the premiums.

Oh, by the way, I have met someone who has more problems than Bill has. I met her the other day standing in her all black, wall-less, burned-out kitchen washing glasses (the only thing she was able to salvage.) The doctors won't let her tell her husband that their home burned down. They're afraid his heart couldn't take it.

So every day she goes to her home and attempts an impossible task. What can she salvage? The answer is — "very little." Then every afternoon she goes to the hospital, puts on a happy face and tells her husband how fine things are going at home. If I were in her shoes, I could have washed those glasses in tears.

When I finally located her and told her I wanted to help (wouldn't you know it) — she flatly refused. "We Dohertys have always fended for ourselves, and we don't accept charity." It took me 24 hours and the help of a few other people before she reluctantly consented. God bless her.

If you belong in Arlington, you must "reach out" and help these people, and we've made it easy for you. There are over 50,000 of us in this town. Wouldn't you donate 60 cents to give these people back their home? That's all it would take if each of us gave.

Just send your contribution to the Arlington Five Cents Savings Bank. Make your check payable to "Doherty Rebuilding Fund." On the envelope, write "Attn: Bill Joyce."

All contributions are tax deductible, and unlike some appeals, every cent will be spent to restore their home. I don't have to thank you. You'll thank yourselves for making life a little less horrible for a fellow human being.

## Man About Town

Sincere thanks from the editor to the people who were nice enough to call and offer a home to the kitten whose picture was on the front page last week. Her family claimed her, so foster parenting was not necessary, but many good homes were offered.

Congratulations to the folks from JVT Realty and the Cookie Shack for the beautiful job they did at 1234 Mass. ave. Those of us who remember the gas station that was there years ago, then the empty building for five years, appreciate how much work went into the renovation. Arlington has been lucky so far at the good uses which have been made of gas stations which have gone out of business. With more closings expected, the Redevelopment Board is talking about coming up with a policy on gas station reuse, much as we are doing for school reuse.

Some people have apparently been getting mad at the post office for not being open when they want to do their business. If you want to go to the counters you have to be at the main post office between 8 and 5 on Monday through Friday or between 8 and 12 on Saturday.

The last few copies of the softbound version of Arlington's Bicentennial history, "Arlington Celebrates The Growing Years, 1875-1975," have been taken out of storage. They will be on sale, as long as they last, at The Advocate office, 4 Water st.

Readers will see two appeals in today's paper, one on the editorial page, for a fund drive which fellow town employees and friends are starting for the Doherty family which was burned out on New Year's Eve. If you want to know what you can do to help, read Ray Ouellette's column and write a check.

Cigar distribution is in vogue these days. Brand new fathers are Selectman Bob Havern and former School Committeeman Charlie Lyons. Former Asst. Town Manager Larry Deetjen had his first boy. Congratulations to all, especially their wives.

Our typewriter was colorblind last week as a reader pointed out. When we referred to the Green Line extension to the rapid transit we obviously meant the Red Line.

In answer to questions about the Town Manager's contract, while it actually expires in October, the manager's contract has traditionally been renewed before Town Meeting. That apparently was done to give both the town and the man enough time to find something else if it were not to be renewed.

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts maintains a Voter Information Phone from 9 to 3 weekdays at 357-5880. If you have any calls about local, state or national government give them a call (or try TAP—Robbins Library's The Answer Place). Here is some useful information from recent questions to the league: Anyone who will be 18 years old by March 4 may vote that day as long as he is registered by the Feb. 5 deadline. Persons who call themselves "independents" are those who did not enroll in a political party. Effective Feb. 12 such voters will be termed "unenrolled." They may vote in the presidential primary, but must choose either a Republican or Democratic ballot. The voter will then be registered with that party unless he reregisters with the Town Clerk as an unenrolled.

## Bulletin Board

Broadway Historic District Committee, Jan. 24, 8 p.m., Redevelopment Board rooms, Town Hall Annex.

Assessors-Jan. 28, 7 p.m., Town Hall.

Selectmen, Jan. 28, 7:15 p.m., Town Hall.

Redevelopment Board, Jan. 28, 8 p.m., Cutter School, discussion on the re-use of the Cutter School.

Steering Committee, CDBG Application Process, Jan. 30, 8 p.m., Redevelopment Board rooms, Town Hall Annex.

Conservation Commission, Jan. 31, 7:45 p.m., Town Hall Annex.

## Appreciation

TO THE EDITOR: The Arlington Public Assistance Office would like to extend its appreciation to the members of the following churches and organizations for their generosity during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

Arlington Heights Baptist Church, Arlington Heights United Methodist Church, Church of Our Saviour, Elks

Lodge of Arlington, First Baptist Church, New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., Park Ave. Congregational Church, Pleasant St. Congregational Church, St. Eulalia's Church, St. James Church, St. Jerome's Church, St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Salvation Army, Trinity Baptist Church.

In addition we want to acknowledge the wonderful contribution of time, money and food donated by other individuals in our community during the holiday season.

It is well recognized that if it were not for the sacrifice of all these caring individuals, churches, and organizations there would not have been any holiday programs.

God bless you all.  
Janice Marshall  
Director

## Thank Rescue

TO THE EDITOR: My family and I wish to thank the men on the Rescue unit for the quick response when my husband had the attack; also for all their kindness. Without them what would we do? Thanks to all of them.

Mrs. James Roberts

## To The Editor

Letters to the editor on any subject of interest to Arlington residents are welcome. They should be typed and not exceed 250 words. All letters must be signed with name and address. The name may be withheld on request Deadline is 4 p.m. Monday.

### Pond Unsafe

TO THE EDITOR:

I was appalled to see something on the front page of last Thursday's Advocate. The picture was not that bad, but the caption underneath upset me no end.

I have lived in Arlington for 35 years and have lived on the shore of Spy Pond for 26 years. The pond is right in my back yard and I have spent all of those 26 years attempting to protect the lives of young and old as far as that pond is concerned in the winter. Spy Pond is treacherous, both summer and winter, but it is worse during the winter.

No one has ever spent as much time as I have due to the children when they were young drilling holes through the ice at various intervals to measure the thickness due to the fact that people from all over the Pleasant Street area used to call and ask if the ice was safe. This put a tremendous burden on me, as a former president of the Spy Pond Association, I did whatever I could to tell people what my personal thinking was and also I have spent so many hours chasing kids off that pond.

The day that your newspaper came out the pond was one-third open, and yet you printed an invitation for anyone to use it. As you know, because the pond is state owned and they will not police it, and the fact that the Arlington Police Force and Fire Department cannot and will not police it until after the fact, it has been very difficult for any of us who have wanted to keep that area safe.

I was pleased to see Leonard Collins' article about the tragedy at Hills Pond many years ago which I think somewhat might have offset the newspaper's invitation to skate on Spy.

To give you an example, I cannot and do not want to remember the exact date but it was either late in the winter of 1940 or early in the winter of 1941 when I lost two dear classmates at Arlington High School late one afternoon in that pond. People had been skating on the pond for days and in droves, but just after darkness set in two young men who shall remain nameless skated over a spring hole on the way from the Pleasant street side to the East Arlington side where they lived and they vanished from sight. No one knew what had happened until the following morning. I stood on the shore of Spy Pond as most of the high school students did and watched the Arlington Police recover their bodies with grappling hooks. As I mentioned, people had been skating on that pond for days, but there was one weakness and unfortunately these two young men skated over it and that was the end of their lives.

Please, do not in the future, judge whether or not Spy Pond is safe. Most of us would appreciate it if you would keep putting warnings in the paper as to how treacherous it can be at any given time. This especially happens in the spring when there is snow on it and the little kids still want to walk across it to go to school not realizing how unsafe it is.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
Wallace J. Flynn

### Heart Fund

TO THE EDITOR:

We are making a super effort this year for the Heart Fund.

Park Avenue Nursing, Convalescent and Retirement Home will participate in a national event in February, a rock n' roll jamboree, that will involve nursing homes nationwide.

Our residents are the real valuable people in this drive. They will rock in rocking chairs and roll in wheelchairs in a fundraising party for the American Heart Assn.

The theme is "Exercise for For Your Heart."

We are encouraging the children of Arlington to be involved in this fundraising rock n' roll jamboree. Heart disease affects thousands of children. It is not primarily an adult disease.

There will be a series of events beginning Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.—Rock n' roll part at the Park Avenue Nursing Home with a kick-off ceremony, special guests and entertainment.

Feb. 9—Burlington Mall New England Rehabilitation Hospital outpatients with heart disease will be fundraisers for heart in a booth on the mall.

Arlington High School. The Student Council will sponsor a marathon dance at Otton Junior High.

Fidelity House is also planning a special school event as well as other organizations in the town.

Watch for the neighborhood children who will be coming door to door as well as to the businesses in the community. They will be raising money in the nicest possible way. Please give these students your support.

Mary T. Dillon  
Activities Director  
Park Ave. Nursing Home

## Corrections

In an article which appeared in the Dec. 27 issue of The Arlington Advocate entitled "Symmes Elects Doctors To Head Up Departments," the names of two doctors were inadvertently omitted.

James M. Gibbons Jr., M.D., was re-elected chief of the Orthopedics Department, and Kenneth A. Marshall, M.D., will again serve as chief of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

In an article which appeared last week listing the six applicants for the town's first cable TV license, one company's name was incorrect. Arlington Cable TV, with offices at 661 Mass. ave., is a limited partnership affiliated with American Cable Communications Inc.

### Children's Needs

EDITOR'S NOTE: The enclosed letter has been mailed to all state legislators in the Mystic Valley.

Dear Representative:

At its recent meeting, the Board of Directors of the Mystic Valley Council for Children voted unanimously to appeal to you on an issue which affects special needs children in the Mystic Valley and in the Commonwealth.

We are writing to voice our concern about the cut-off of P.L. 89-313 funding to pre-schools which mainstream special needs children (those whose populations are less than 50 percent special needs children). The funds have provided support services to enable those children to be integrated into regular classrooms (i.e. "mainstreamed") which was the original intent of both Massachusetts Special Education Law Chapter 766 and the Federal Special Education Law P.L. 94-142.

The Department of Education has recently decided that only those preschools which serve more than 50 percent special needs children (those which are "substantially separate") will receive these monies. One reason given for this is that the Department of Education licenses only those programs which are separate.

Licensing for those programs which mainstream was turned over to the Office for Children several years ago. It would seem that one state agency should recognize another's licensing procedures; yet the department of Education does not seem to be complying with this. Licensees and those they serve should not be penalized for such a situation.

The mainstreamed pre-schools are working hard to carry out the intent of the law to provide the least restrictive educational environment for special needs children. If the funds are not available these children will be forced to enter the more separate programs, which would seem to be contrary to the spirit of both the state and federal laws.

We would appreciate any assistance you can give in this matter. On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Sincerely yours,  
Richard Barrows  
Chairperson

### Voting

TO THE EDITOR:

The League of Women Voters of Arlington encourages all eligible citizens to register to vote in the March 4 Presidential primary. Anyone wishing to change party affiliation may also do so at this time.

You are eligible to vote if the following conditions are met:

1. You are presently a registered voter in Arlington or

2. You are an American citizen, native born or naturalized and

3. You will be at least 18 years of age by March 4, 1980.

There is no residency requirement in Massachusetts. You may register to vote in the Town Clerk's Office at Arlington Town Hall Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Special additional hours to register for the Presidential primary will be held in the Town Clerk's Office on the following dates: Monday, Jan. 28, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 2, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

(Feb. 5 is the last day to register for the Presidential primary on March 4.)

Sincerely,  
Christine Recker  
President  
Joan Robbo  
Voters' Service Chairwoman  
League of Women Voters of Arlington

### Winslow Facilities

TO THE EDITOR:

In an article in this week's Advocate about the reuse of schools in Arlington, Mr. Lutus of the Council on Aging made a statement that the residents of Winslow Towers and other senior apartment buildings had resisted having "even knitting gatherings" in their buildings.

I don't know about other senior apartment buildings but I do know about Winslow Towers and would like the readers to know that we do have programs here for elderly residents who do not have the privilege of living in Winslow Towers.

The council sponsors dancing classes here every Tuesday, the council also shows movies twice a month after the hot meals program which is held in our community room. Last year we had a quilting class as well as the tax counseling in Winslow Towers.

These were open to the residents as well as to the public. We want people to know there are programs held here and we are not resistant to them. We have a beautiful building and we are proud and happy to share it.

Thank you  
Peg Kinnear  
President  
Winslow Towers  
Tenant Association

### Thank Nurses

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank the wonderful nursing staff on Section 2A at Symmes Hospital. I was recently hospitalized for three weeks and what could have turned out to be a traumatic experience was made a memorable one because of the superb nursing care I received.

I'm a senior nursing student and have worked in five of the top Boston hospitals. The care I received at Symmes Hospital was in most cases superior to what I have observed at these institutions.

The nurses on 2A have given me many fine examples of what makes a great nurse, for this education and for everything else they did for me I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,  
Ann Lorraine Lahaie  
Mystic Valley Parkway

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## Japanese City Sends A Gift To Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen recently received a gift of a bamboo "magic mallet" and a new year's greeting from the Japanese city of Nagaokakyo.

In his greeting Mayor Tatsuo Isozumi spoke of exchange visits between the communities which "contribute to world peace, but at the citizen level it has the distinct merit of improving international understanding, and will add to the cultural growth of our communities."

Mayor Isozumi expressed his hope that a citizen-based exchange which will involve citizen organizations could be developed.

Richard Smith of Arlington, who visited Nagaokakyo with the Arlington Youth Visit Exchange Program, delivered the mallet and its stand to the Selectmen.

He told the board that Arlington delegations have visited the city. The mayor's family was a host family, and the mayor's daughter was an exchange guest in Arlington. Former Selectman Margaret Spengler visited the city last year.

Virginia Hutchinson, who lived with the mayor's family, told Selectmen that after he read Arlington's League of Women Voters "Know Your Town" book he discussed town government with her for three and a half hours.



A GIFT of a "magic mallet" made of bamboo, a product for which the Japanese city of Nagaokakyo is famous, is presented to Selectmen chairman Robert Havern, left. Richard Smith, right, made the presentation to the board on behalf of the city which is discussing a sister city relationship with Arlington. Smith collected the Japanese artifacts on the table during his trips to Japan with the Arlington Youth Visit Exchange Program.

## Town Hall Roundup

### Registration of Voters

Residents may register to vote for the Presidential Primary at the Town Clerk's office at a special session today from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Monday.

The Town Clerk's office will be open, as required by law, on Feb. 2 from noon to 8 p.m. for those who wish to register. The final day to register is Feb. 5 at which time the Town Clerk's office will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### Town Meeting Meers

There were 97 vacancies for Town Meeting member terms as of last week. Voters will elect 84 members to three-year terms; five to two-year terms and eight to one-year terms.

A total of 262 members serve the town at Town Meeting. Eighty-four of these are elected every three years, four from each of the town's 21 precincts.

There are usually vacancies for two or three year terms each year because of members moving from the precinct or the town or dying.

Vacancies for two-year terms are in Precincts 1,3, 10,12 and 17. There are two vacancies for one-year terms in Precincts 12 and 17 and single vacancies in Precincts 1,9, 16 and 21.

### Winchester Road

Selectmen recently held an informal meeting with abutters of a section of Winchester road, from Hartford road to Hodge road, in connection with the estimated cost of construction of that street.

At the conclusion of the meeting the residents were informed that three more steps could be taken in the future in connection with the matter. The first is the calling of a hearing, the second is a meeting with the Finance Committee and the third is the insertion of an article in

the warrant at a future Town Meeting.

They were told that final estimated cost of construction will be available when the hearing is held.

The preliminary estimated cost of construction, including a sidewalk area, but not necessarily new sidewalks, is \$19,654. Of this amount \$11,406 would be for the street construction and \$8,248 for the installation of a storm drain.

The full width of the street would be 40 feet with 13 feet, six and one-half feet on each side, to be used for sidewalk area. The sidewalk area would be loamed and seeded, and if there is presently a sidewalk, this would be replaced. Curbing would also be installed.

A nine-inch sub base would be installed, and would be covered by three inches of bituminous concrete. The length of street involved is 130 feet.

### CDBG Discussion

The steering committee for the year 6 Community Development Block Grant program will meet at the office of the offices of the Redevelopment Board on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the status of the current year program and to review procedure for the year 6 application process.

### Quilters' Connection

Selectmen have approved the location for The Quilters' Connection Inc. at 256 Appleton St.

### Sports Arena

Proposed charges to the Recreation Division for snow removal and rubbish up at the Sports Arena and a fee schedule increase have been referred Town Manager Donald R. Marquis for investigation and report.

### Parked Cars

The matter of parked cars in the area of Highland Avenue and Bartlett Avenue including side streets, has been referred to Town Manager Donald R. Marquis by the Board of Selectmen for investigation and report.

### Transfer of Funds

Selectmen will request the Finance Committee for a transfer of \$23,000 from the reserve fund in connection with the Firefighters Contract Budget 28C.

The amount of \$18,400 would be under the personal services part of the budget to cover the increased night differential and the subsequent ripple effect on paid holidays and overtime. The amount of \$4,600 would be used to cover the cost of uniform allowance under the expense section of the budget.

The request was received from the Director of Community Safety.

### Jaycee Week

The Board of Selectmen has proclaimed the period Jan. 20 through Jan. 26 as "Jaycee Week."

Representatives of the organization were present at the meeting of the board recently, and were praised by Selectmen for their community involvement.

Spokesman for the group William Scaglione said that this marks the 14th year for the Jaycees in Arlington, and that the group is always on the lookout for new members between the ages of 18 and 35.

Scaglione said that in one of its recent projects the sum of \$437 had been raised during a Cerebral Palsy drive.

## Eye-glass Donations

Collection boxes for donations of eyeglass frames and lenses, in tact or damaged, have been set up by the Arlington Lions Club. Donations may be made at Robbins, Dallin or Fox branch libraries. The glasses will be repaired and sent to needy people.

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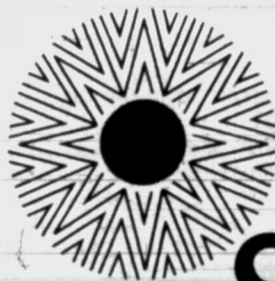
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Police spotted the youths shortly after 6 Tuesday night and gave chase across Mass. ave., down Water street and toward Russell Terrace, where police lost them. Police say the youth's left behind a quart of gasoline in a juice bottle at Central.

On Monday night, vandals had broken into the school, shooting off fire extinguishers and on their way out hurling two molotov cocktails through windows. According to police, the molotov cocktails consisted of beer bottles filled with a flammable liquid.

Police reported fire damage to books, the floor and a portable chalk board as well as two broken windows after the Monday night break-in.

In other police news, an arrest warrant is out for a man arrested last week for an attempted Webcam road break-in. Police say William Foster of Cambridge, arrested Jan. 11, skipped bail and failed to show up for his Jan. 12 arraignment.

Police arrested a 22-year-old Summer street man Saturday night for exposing himself to two women in the hallway of a Brattle drive apartment house.

Break-ins were scattered throughout the police blotter this week. Breaks were reported on Fairview avenue, Chatham street, Hodge road, Foxmeadow lane, Mystic street, Bowdoin street, Mystic Lane drive and Mass. ave.

A safe was forced open at Le Bert Brothers at 956 Mass. ave. Sunday. In addition to an undisclosed amount of cash from the safe, thieves took four IBM typewriters and an adding machine.

Other break-ins were reported on Tomahawk road, Dickson avenue, Fremont street, Harlow street and Broadway.

Items were stolen from cars on Mystic street, Brattle drive, Summer street, Gardner street, Montague street and Peirce street.

Police reported two stone benches in Town Hall Garden were smashed on Monday and the spotlights lighting the statue of the Indian were broken. The damage was estimated at \$300-\$500.

Other incidents of vandalism occurred on Gardner street, Mass. ave., Dickson ave. and Pheasant ave.

Police reported that last Tuesday two men in an old Buick repeatedly tried to run over a woman jogging near Park circle.

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and  
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TOWN HALL,  
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and on the  
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FOR  
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5,  
TOWN HALL,  
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No name can be added to the voting list (except to correct omissions made by clerical error) after ten o'clock P.M. on Tuesday, February 5, 1980 at which time registration closes for the Presidential Primaries to be held on Tuesday, March 4, 1980. See that your name is on the Voting List. If it is not there, arrange to appear before the Registrars of Voters and be registered or you will be unable to vote.

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Anne McElearney

### Chapter Chooses Anne McElearney As Good Citizen

Anne McElearney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McElearney, has been chosen as Arlington High School's recipient of the Good Citizen Award, sponsored by Menotomy Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Miss McElearney was born in Quincy, but has spent most of her life in Arlington. She attended kindergarten in Naples, Italy, where her father spent some time in classical studies.

Upon returning to the United States, she attended St. James', Locke, and Cutter Schools; Otis Junior High School and Arlington High School, where she is a senior. She is active in the Photography Club, the Young Women in Science Club, and the cross country and spring track teams. She recently won the mile race at the Holiday Invitational Track Meet at Boston College. In college, Miss McElearney plans to major in Science, with a view to becoming a veterinarian specializing in wild life studies.

Extra-curricular activities include the CYO sponsored by St. Eulalia's Church, where she is on the basketball team, and volunteer service at the Aquarium and the Fernald School. For a year she was a "Visiting Granddaughter," an AHS arranged activity.

Her father, Ralph McElearney, is head of the classics department and coach of the Girls Cross Country Track team at Arlington High School. Mrs. McElearney is a substitute teacher at Otis Junior High School.

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## Input Sought

Median Strips, Turn Changes  
Suggested For Intersections

Planted medians, barriers, changes in left turns, and new sidewalk widths are among proposals for improvements at four major Arlington intersections.

Consultants Sasaki Associates presented alternatives for Mass. and Lake, Mass. and Pleasant and Mystic, Mystic and Chestnut, and Mass. and Park at a meeting Monday. Before the meeting copies of the alternatives had been sent to the business community. Little response came from the mailing, and few people attended the hearing.

The Arlington Redevelopment Board and the State DPW are conducting the Urban Systems Project study which is funded by federal monies. The intersections which were targeted are those where improvements in pedestrian and vehicular safety are needed. If acceptable improvements are developed, federal funding for the work will be sought.

The alternatives for the intersections will be outlined below. Residents and businessmen who wish to comment on them may send their comments to the Redevelopment Board, in care of the Town Hall planning office.

East Arlington at Mass. and Lake was described as a broad area with no sense of district. Three alternatives were offered:

1. A 12-foot-wide planted median along Mass. avenue from Grafton to Trowbridge streets with some change in sidewalk width; 2. a 4-foot wide architectural barrier median and sidewalk widths staying as they are; 3. widening sidewalks as much as 5 feet on both sides, but no medians.

All of these plans would make Mass. avenue two travel lanes in each direction, plus parking on both sides, with a left-turn lane for traffic going west on the avenue onto Lake street. The medians would prevent left turns onto Mass. avenue from three side streets.

Consultant Ken Bassett said the area most needs devices to reduce the scale of the avenue and to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety. Median strips would provide a refuge for pedestrians crossing the avenue. Medians would also prevent drivers from making improper left turns and would control where pedestrians cross the avenue.

An advantage of the wide medians which Bassett explained, is that their width is enough to allow a left-turn lane at an intersection by tapering off the median. In Arlington Center two alternatives were proposed:

1. A 12-foot wide planted median along Mass. avenue from Mystic street to Franklin to add continuity to the Center, improve pedestrian safety and provide a refuge for pedestrians. In some areas as much as 4 feet of sidewalk will be added.

2. A 4-foot wide architectural barrier median from Mystic to Franklin. This will allow wider walks and plantings along the walks. Development of a plaza at the Mass. and Mystic Whittemore Park area is proposed.

Under this proposal there would be no left turns from Mass. to Medford, but turns would be allowed from Mass. to Mystic. A left turn would be permitted from Franklin onto Mass. avenue. The right turn lane from Mass. to Mystic street would be eliminated and right turns would be made at the intersection of Mass. and Mystic.

At Mystic and Chestnut street several changes are proposed:

1. Move access to the Russell Common parking lot from Mystic street to Chestnut street. The lot would be redesigned and landscaped for better traffic flow and improved appearance.

2. The Medford-Chestnut streets intersection would be narrowed. All Medford street traffic would come out at a T intersection and stop. This would shorten the pedestrian crossing distance and slow traffic on Medford street.

Bassett pointed out that the appearance of the Center now is discontinuous. The Whittemore Park area could do more to connect that side of the avenue. He said the entrance to the municipal parking off Mystic street would be closed because it is too close to the intersection.

He said if there were a planted median on the avenue cars going west could turn right or left off of the avenue, but there would be no lefts at Swan place, Mirak's, onto Medford street, or from Broadway Plaza.

Arlington Heights offers fewer options for redesign. The basic major goal is to reduce the width of the avenue to two

lanes each side plus parking. This could be done by widening sidewalks and widening the corners. Angle parking would be retained on Park avenue except at the new corners.

Bassett said that the avenue here is 76 feet wide, compared to 100 feet in East Arlington, so a median would not work. Removal of angle parking is not recommended since it would cost the area too many parking spaces. Parking at the corners would be removed for safety's sake.

After the presentations a number of questions and comments about the plans were raised. Many focused on the Medford street area and access to St. Agnes' Church by funeral processions, cars and taxis.

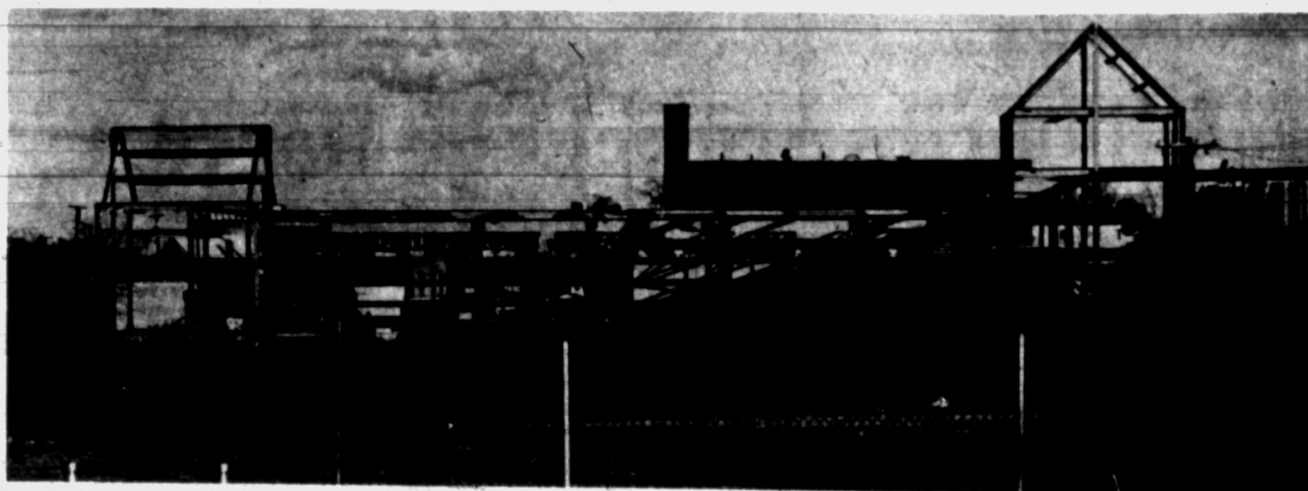
Frank Callahan spoke against the T-stop at Medford street, saying it would back up traffic. There was some feeling that Medford street would be carrying less traffic if the left turns onto Mystic at Mass. avenue were allowed.

Msgr. John Linnehan spoke about the difficulty people would have getting to the church and the problem drivers now have getting out of Broadway Plaza. Someone suggested allowing a left onto Medford street from Mass. avenue, but closing the entrance to the municipal parking off of Medford street so that only people with business on Medford street would be turning there.

Leonard Talkov questioned the traffic counts which were reported, noting that Medford street is busier on Fridays and Saturdays than other days. Questions were asked about access to Winslow Towers and the telephone company if no left from Mystic to Winslow is allowed.

The consultants stressed that whatever is done to make traffic and street improvements would involve recycling lights about which there were complaints. Some in the audience felt that pedestrians are at a disadvantage on Mass. avenue.

Harold Seward questioned the validity of the traffic counts in view of the Red Line extension to Alewife. He was answered by Redevelopment Board member Philip McCarthy who said he would be surprised if anyone from Burlington or Woburn, which Seward



## Coming Along

mentioned, would come through Arlington to Route 2 when they could take Route 93 to Wellington Circle and rapid transit.

The consultant added that only Medford street was impacted on the weekend during weekend traffic counts which were done. Other streets showed less traffic.

Elsie Fiore said she hoped people in East Arlington would be alarmed at the proposal for a median which she said would cause more accidents. Redevelopment Board chairman Joseph Tulumieri responded that the reason for a median is to give a shopping area an identity and to make the pedestrian crossing area identifiable.

Ed Tsoi of the Redevelopment Board noted that a lot of what has happened with traffic was not the result of planning. He said if the town did not take the opportunity it had now for funding of improvements it might not have an opportunity in the foreseeable future. "It would be a dereliction of duty," he said.

In response to a comment that the town first needs parking, board member McCarthy noted that the town was first zoned with a commercial strip abutting residential properties. The only way the town will get significant off-street parking is for Town Meeting to vote funds and authorization to take property by eminent domain.

The next public hearing on plans for the four intersections will be March 3. In the meantime, questions and comments can be directed to the planning office.

## Piano Concert

Duo-pianists Janice Allen and Lynne Weber of Wellesley will perform a concert of merican music at the Museum of Our National Heritage on Sunday at 3 p.m. The program will include "Rhapsody in Blue" by Gershwin and excerpts from the ballet "Billy the Kid" by Aaron Copland.



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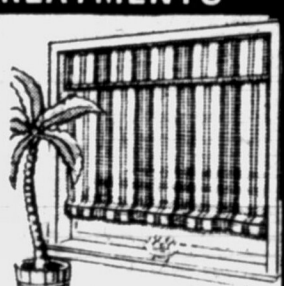
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## Presidential

# Primaries Are Set For March 4

The final day for residents to register to vote for the Presidential Primaries and to change party enrollment is on Feb. 5. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. for the convenience of those who wish to register.

A special registration period will be held tonight from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office for the convenience of residents who wish to register.

By state law the Town Clerk's office must also be open on Feb. 2, the final Saturday prior to the registration deadline, from noon to 8 p.m. for registration.

The basis for the legal organization of political parties in the state is the town, ward or city committee, whose members are elected during the primaries. All candidates seeking election have their names on the party ballots.

Each political party may elect a town committee, as in Arlington, of from three to 35 members whose names will appear on the individual ballots. Members of these town committees represent their party at the local neighborhood level, promote the objectives of the party and work for the nomination and election of party candidates.

As long as can be remembered Arlington has elected 35 members from each party. This year there will be a 35 candidate slate seeking election on the Republican ballot and a 35 candidate slate on the Democratic ballot.

If the town had not informed the Secretary of State of the exact number of candidates they wished to have elected at the 1980 primaries on or before Oct. 16, 1979, the Secretary of State would have assigned 10 members.

There are three ways in which a resident may seek election on the town

committee. One is by contacting the chairman of the committee, run on another slate or run as an individual.

Nomination papers are invalid if there are more than the proper number of names listed. Three or more candidates on a paper constitutes a group.

Vacancies which take place on the slate through withdrawal or other circumstances may not be filled. Should there be fewer members elected than the number designated, the committee when elected, may fill the vacancies by vote at its first meeting after the election or any later meeting.

Each candidate for town committee must be a registered voter in that town and enrolled in the party for at least 90 days before the filing deadline for nomination papers, or a newly registered voter enrolled in the party.

Each candidate's name must be certified by the Registrar's of Voters. At least three registrars must sign the enrollment certificate. A candidate's name may not appear on the ballot of more than one slate or on a slate and as an individual.

In the past it was often the practice for an individual to accept nomination in more than one group of candidates in a ward or town. This meant that whatever group was elected, the candidate was assured of a seat on the committee. This is no longer allowed.

A candidate may allow his name to be circulated on more than one slate, and/or as an individual, but must withdraw from all but one ballot position by the final date for withdrawal, or the candidate's name will be removed and will not appear on the ballot at all.

Following the primaries each elected committee is required by law to organize and to meet within 10 days following the

30th day after election. At this meeting the committee will elect a chairman, a chairman, a treasurer and a secretary.

The committee may also fill vacancies that have not been filled, and it has the right to break any tie by choosing between the two or more candidates involved.

After the organization meeting the secretary of the town committee is required to file lists of officers and members with their addresses in three places: the Public Records Division of the Dept. of the Secretary of State; the state committee of the political party and the Town Clerk. This must be done within 10 days after organizing.

In order to qualify for office, the treasurer of each committee is required to file a signed acceptance of the office of treasurer with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance. A treasurer is not considered to be qualified for office until this is done.

This will mark the second consecutive time that the primaries have been held in March rather than in April as they have for many years.

In 1976 a trend for regionalism was discussed with the thought that all New England states hold their primaries on the same date so that candidates could campaign in one area and not have to hedge-hop around the country from primary to primary.

Mass. went along with this thinking and changed its date to March 2 in 1976. However, New Hampshire which holds the first in the nation primary every presidential year was opposed.

The moving up of the primaries from April to March presented another problem for many Mass. communities including Arlington. The first Saturday in March is the usually scheduled date for

the town election. In 1976 Arlington's election was scheduled for March 6, only four days after the proposed date of the primaries.

As a result of the proximity of the two elections, legislative action was taken granting power to governmental bodies to change the dates of the town election.

Arlington Selectmen, on the recommendation of Town Clerk Christine Callahan, voted to make the change. One of the key reasons was that Arlington uses ballots, and the ballot boxes are impounded for 30 days after an election. The holding of two elections in a week would have left Arlington with no ballot boxes for the town election had the primaries been held on March 2.

Boxes would have had to be rented from another community. This presented another problem since some of the other communities were faced with the same situation.

Selectmen voted to hold the election on April 10 and the Town Meeting on April 26. This year the board voted to hold the election on April 8 and the Town Meeting on April 28. The reason there is so much time between the election and meeting is that Patriot's Day falls on April 21 this year.

The cost of conducting a presidential primary is split three ways. The State pays for the ballots, the Selectmen's office is responsible for the costs of those working at the polls and the Town Clerk is responsible for the actual holding of the election.



FUNDING for consumer protection is presented to Atty. Joan A.M. Gearin of the Arlington Office of Consumer Affairs by Atty. Gen. Francis X. Bellotti. The Arlington office, under coordinator Walter B. Hauser, offers information and mediation services for consumer problems in Arlington and Belmont. An advisory committee under John T. Robinson sets policy. Volunteer mediators are being accepted for training through the office which is located at Robbins House, 670R Mass. ave.

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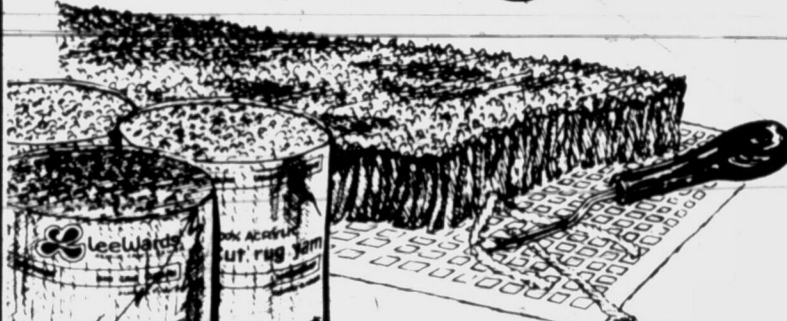
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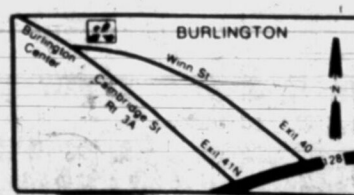
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**IN JAIL**—eighth grade social studies teacher Paul Leone from Junior High East and students, from the left, John Valminuto, Stacey Garrity and Holly Franey get a close look at a jail cell. The visit was part of their Court Orientation Program tour of Third District Court.



**WINNER**—Pennell and Thompson Realtors' Christmas Coupon Special winner is Lillian Goyne of Arlington. Her name was drawn by Arlington's Assistant Assessor Bud Wyman who recently retired from town service. The contest was part of a Chamber of Commerce promotion.

## Fidelity House Lists Activities

Fidelity House has a variety of activities scheduled in the next few weeks.

Fidelity House Gymnastics program will begin on Monday. It will run for 10 weeks with a recital. The following classes will be offered: by instructor, Jennifer Edwards;

Beginners-Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30-4:30, \$10. Intermediates-Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30-5:30, \$11.

Advanced-Tuesdays from 3:30-5:30 and Fridays from 5:30-7:30, \$15. Beginners under 8-Saturdays from 12-1, \$7.

7th and 8th grade Dance will be held on Friday from 7-10 p.m. All participants must wear a costume resembling the 50's. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. There will also be a hula hoop and limbo contest. Admission will be \$2. The DJ will be Danny McCarthy. Deadline for tickets will be today. Membership is required. Bowling trip for 1st-6th graders will be held on Friday from 2:45-5 p.m. Cost is \$1.75 for two strings of bowling, shoes and transportation. Deadline for signups is today.

5th and 6th grade Pizza Party will be held on Feb. 1 from 7-9 p.m. The night will consist of the main meal of pizza and Coke and musical entertainment by Steve Catalano of the Arlington Boys' club. Admission will be \$1. Deadline for purchasing tickets will be Jan. 31 at 6 p.m.

**Racquetball Courts**  
John Koslowski, president of Sports Management Services, Inc., owners of the Winchester Indoor Lawn Tennis Center, Charles River Tennis & Health Club and the Nashua Swim & Tennis Club, says that construction is underway for nine racquetball courts at the Winchester facility located at 41 East st. This will make the Winchester facility of 12 indoor tennis courts and nine racquetball courts one of the largest racquet sports complexes in New England.

Completion date of the nine courts is scheduled for March 15th, but Koslowski states that three courts will be ready for play and inspection shortly after Jan. 20th. New locker rooms and amenities are planned in the separate building housing the nine racquetball courts.

Marbady and Rose Smith.

On Jan. 19, there was a midget drawing contest. Prize winners were Brian Justice, Michelle Marbady, Alisa Intravia and Danny Curtin. In the ring toss contest winners were Mike Wright, Gary Wright, Brian Justice and Robert Assarian. These contests are run by Gloria Cooke and will be held in the Midget room every Wednesday at 2:30 and Saturday at 1:30.

Fidelity House adult dance party will be held on Saturday from 8-12 at the St. Agnes Grammar School Hall. Admission will be \$3 per person. Steve White, the dancing instructor, and his wife, Linda, will be on hand to give a free dance lesson and a dancing exhibition in the latest disco, ballroom and line steps. We will have a raffle and will be giving out some fine door prizes. Tickets will be sold at the door or can be purchased at Fidelity House.

### School Menus

**Elementary**  
Jan. 28, hot dog & roll, potato puffs, fruit, cookie, milk.

Jan. 29, meatballs in tomato sauce & sub roll, corn, cookie, milk.

Jan. 30, milk.  
Jan. 31, hot turkey & gravy, whipped potato, bread & butter, fruit, frosted cake, milk.

Feb. 1, cheese pizza, juice, dy-no-mite bar, milk.

**Junior High**  
Daily: pizza, cold cut subs, tuna rolls, assorted sandwiches and chef's salad.

Today's special will be as follows:

Jan. 28, hamburger in a bun, french fried potatoes or lettuce leaf & tomato slice or fruit or juice, milk.  
Jan. 29, meatball sub, corn or shredded lettuce or fruit or juice, milk.

Jan. 30, hot pastromi on bulkie roll, coleslaw or fruit or juice, milk.

Jan. 31, turkey cutlet parmesan or tossed salad or fruit or juice, milk.

Feb. 1, variety day also shredded lettuce or fruit or juice, milk.

**Senior High**  
Daily: pizza, cold cut subs, tuna rolls, assorted sandwiches and chef's salad.

Today's special will be as follows:

Jan. 28, hamburger in a bun.

Jan. 29, meatball sub.

Jan. 30, hot pastromi on bulkie roll.

Jan. 31, turkey cutlet parmesan.

Feb. 2, variety day.

Changes made without notice due to circumstances beyond our control.

### LD Services

The Speech and Language Project at Boston University's Sargent College of Allied Health Professions is offering free assessment and treatment services to individuals ages 5 through 17 with diagnosed learning disabilities and oral language problems. For information call the Sargent College Speech and Hearing Clinic.

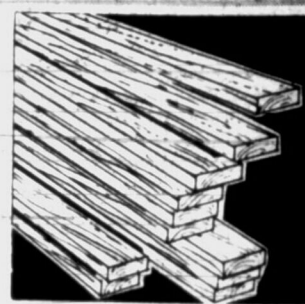
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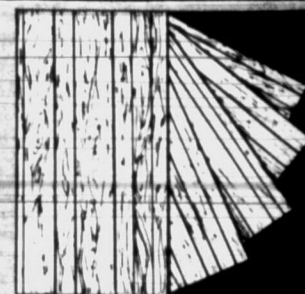


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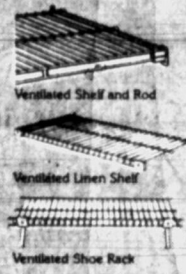
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# Snow Fighting Costs Increase

The cost of gasoline, salt and repair work on equipment used in connection with snow and ice control in Arlington has increased considerably in the matter of two years.

Fortunately to date snowfall has been extremely light. However, Director of Public Works Ray Ouellette warns that even though this has been a mild winter, traditionally January and particularly February have been noted for heavy snowfalls.

This year alone the price of gasoline used by the Public Works Dept. has increased from 60 cents to 91 cents a gallon, an increase of 52 percent.

Mined road salt costs have increased approximately \$9.57 a ton over a two-year period. For the 1977-78 winter season the price was \$16.90 as compared to \$26.47 a ton this season, an increase of 57 percent.

Since 1967 the consumer price index, CPI, has increased 121 percent and the municipal cost index, 142 percent. These figures were taken from a recent report in American City and County.

However, the Arlington Public Works Dept. has been able to keep its increase in budget figures much lower at 93 percent during the same period.

One of the reasons for Arlington's Public Works Dept. keeping its costs as low as possible has been the early planning procedure which it utilizes.

Another has been the installation of the salt shed at the Town Yard. The storing of the salt away from the elements has kept it in better condition. This season there is salt left over, thus a saving has been realized because of the present cost of salt. There is also sand left over.

While the temperatures were in the

80's and 90's during the months of July and August last summer, the Public Works Dept. was canvassing and conducting negotiations with suppliers of trucks and equipment which could be used for snow plowing and removal purposes during the winter months.

And while July and August do not seem like the time of the year to be thinking of snow and cold, it is the time in which employees of the Public Works Dept. are preparing for the big storm that might hit at any time during the fall, winter or spring months.

New edges are put on plows and sanders are repaired. Both types of equipment are painted and waxed and readied for immediate use at the first sign of snow.

Salt, sand and anti-freeze are stockpiled and readied for immediate use at the first sign of snow. Anti-freeze is another commodity that has been difficult to obtain. Chains are purchased so that there will be plenty on hand when winter arrives.

In, addition through persistent negotiations, Arlington has under contract a sufficient number of pieces of hired equipment to insure an adequate plowing operation for the winter.

When winter does arrive, the Public Works Dept. takes no chances. Whenever there is the possibility of a winter storm during the weekend, employees load two sanders before they leave on Friday, and attach plows to trucks. Both types are stored in a warm garage so that they will be ready at a moment's notice should inclement weather arrive.

Ouellette said that barring a series of extremely severe old-fashioned blizzards, the Arlington Public Works Dept.

is prepared to keep major streets open to traffic, regardless of weather conditions. He noted that Arlington's plans for handling an emergency situation have been completed and within budget limitations the necessary manpower, materials and equipment are ready to go into action almost immediately at the onset of a winter storm.

He pointed out that snow removal costs vary widely from year to year, making it virtually impossible to plan and schedule this essential service on the same basis as other municipal services.

"Nevertheless, we try to estimate our requirements as conservatively as possible based on experience in previous years, while recognizing that once in every five or ten years we can anticipate severe blizzards that will inevitably cripple traffic despite our best efforts," Ouellette added. "Even with crews working 'round the clock, we just don't have adequate manpower and equipment to keep up with the mountains of snow that may be dumped by a king-sized blizzard."

The Director said that public cooperation can help prevent many needless traffic tie-ups and delays during snowstorms, making the snow-removal job easier, quicker and safer.

"When a severe storm develops, leave your car at home and use public transportation if at all possible. Park off the street. If you must drive, be sure your car is in top-notch condition and properly equipped for driving through snow and ice. According to the National Safety Council, snow tires are helpful for mild-to-medium snow and ice conditions and the new studded tires are helpful on ice, but nothing can equal tire chains for getting through in deep snow and on glare ice, particularly on hills. All it takes is one stalled vehicle, or one skidding accident at the height of a storm to tie up traffic hopelessly," Ouellette said.

There are many factors affecting the impact of a storm on a community, few of which are controllable. First is the amount of snow. The more snow that falls the greater the problem. However, snow depth alone may be a deceptive yardstick. For instance, a small storm during

weekday commuter rush hours can cause havoc, while an equivalent storm on a weekend or at night would not be as difficult.

Some of the factors affecting the impact of a storm include the amount of snow, rate of snowfall, duration, timing of the storm, temperature, wind conditions, wet or dry snow, topography of the storm, stalled cars and driver attitude.

All of these factors are beyond the town's control. Only driver attitude can, in any way, be controlled.

However, cleaning up during and after a storm is within the control of the community, and this control is made possible at a central room at Town Yard.

Public Works can keep track of the size and type of plow assigned to each route, which units are working where and which units are temporarily out of service because of mechanical failure. This operation is handled through the use of a large map and a plastic overlay.

The town is divided into 34 snow plowing routes, each one outlined by street lists and by maps. In addition there are four plowing units used exclusively on main arteries such as Mass.

ave., Park ave., Mystic ave. and Broadway.

The labor force of the Dept. of Public Works is divided into three sections, which are called when needed. Each section is assigned the weeks during the winter season that it will be on a stand-by basis. In any given week the first section to be called is the section assigned to that particular week.

Each section is composed of a general foreman, a foreman, four motor equipment operators grade III, 10 motor equipment operators grade I, 10 laborers and two motor equipment repairmen.

The section in any given week is called into work only as the situation may demand.

In order to determine what type of storm fighting operation will be utilized, the town needs to know what type of weather is to be expected, and for that reason the community subscribes to the Northeast Weather Service of Bedford, which gives bulletins every half hour before and during a storm.

The plan of operation depends entirely on the forecast as given by the weather service. If the forecast is for a small storm of one or two inches, all sanders are checked and loaded.

If the forecast is for three inches or more, all plow blades and chains are placed on the trucks and each is loaded with ballast.

Whenever possible hired equipment contractors are notified by phone to alert them of a possible snow storm in order that they may mount their equipment with chains and plow blades.

On all routine sanding operations a mixture of three parts sand and one part road salt is used. However, there are special occasions when because of severe weather conditions a richer mix might be used.

The primary and secondary streets are sanded first, and then the units move into the hilly areas, the deadends off Pleasant street and Mystic street and the bus route areas.

Should the storm be heavier than an inch and a half the operation is changed from one of sanding to one of plowing. The second and third sections are called in along with all hired equipment.

After plowing has been completed, snow removal begins with the main streets and business areas and school sections being cleared first.

Two high-speed auger chute type snow blowers mounted on town-owned front-end loaders are put into operation. These units are capable of loading a 16-yard dump truck in one minute.

One snow blower starts at Mass. ave. and Grove street south side, and works in

an easterly direction towards the Cambridge line.

The second blower starts on the north side of Mass. ave. and Grove street and works westerly towards the Lexington line and the Heights section.

Sidewalk tractors are dispatched at the same time as the street plows with the one exception of times when there is no frost penetration in the ground and the lawns and grass plots and gravel walks would be severely damaged.

Director Ouellette said that trained, dedicated men; good equipment; ample sand and salt and a plan of attack are all important ingredients of successful snow-fighting but without public cooperation the best efforts can turn into a shambles.

Over the past few years the Public Works Dept. has attempted to promote, insure and stimulate a higher degree of public participation and cooperation during the winter months, according to Ouellette.

Ouellette said that the goal has been to educate the public in a few basics to be observed during a storm such as: not driving unless absolutely necessary, parking cars off the street, using public transportation whenever possible and being certain that motor vehicles are properly equipped for winter driving.

## Two Grants Are Approved For Arlington

The town has received notice of the approval of two grants, one for \$50,000 and the other for \$15,636.

Director of Planning and Development Alan McClellan received a communication from the Chairman of the Mass. Historical Commission indicating that the Arlington Town Center District: Whittemore-Robbins House Development Project has been selected for a matching allocation of \$50,000 from the Commission's fiscal year 1980 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service Historic Preservation Grant Program.

Before the proposed project work can begin a consultation will have to be held with the MHC Grants Division staff to finalize the plans and specifications for the project work and the project budget in accordance with program requirements.

There will also have to be a review and approval of the proposed project by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service in Washington.

A third step calls for the execution of grant contract which defines the grant-assisted project under applicable laws and regulations and states the scope, budget and timetable for the accomplishment of project work.

The second grant, notification of which also was sent by the Chairman of the Mass. Historical Commission to Alan McClellan noted that the Arlington Historic Preservation Program survey and planning project has been selected for an allocation of \$15,636 from the Commission's fiscal year 1980 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service Preservation Grants Program.

It was noted that the letter was simply a notification of an allocation of funds and not an approval to begin work.

The letter noted that project work can begin only after the execution of a contract which outlines the scope of grant assisted work and defines responsibilities and deadlines under applicable laws and regulations.



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